

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-20 were previously pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. As a result, claims 1-20 are pending for examination with claims 1, 14, and 17 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-20 have been allowed. Claims 1-13 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter if the Examiner's concern over antecedent basis in claim 1 is addressed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112 because the claim was said to lack antecedent basis. Claim 1 has been amended to address the antecedent basis issue pointed out in the Office Action. The amendment of claim 1 is not intended to change the scope of the claim but rather to expressly state information that was inherent in the claim as presented. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

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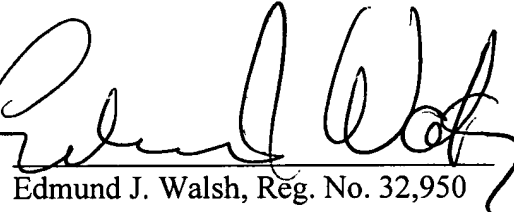
CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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